

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A rod is gripped by a clamp which is removably seated in a lateral recess in a hand-held rod holder. The clamp is tightened around the rod by turning a threaded actuator. The holder configuration is easily changed from right-handed to left-handed by removing the rod and reversing the clamp in its recess. The body of the holder has a fixed jaw, and a separate movable jaw is provided so one can secure the body to a fixture such as a hospital bed. When a pair of the rod holders are mounted at opposite ends of a common rod, they can be adjusted along the rod, and angularly about the rod with respect to each other, thus forming a versatile clamping system for temporarily linking diverse objects.